

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

_____ West Otter Tail _____ District FY09
EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Water Quality- Surface and Ground Water

Soil Erosion – Sheet & Rill, Wind, & Gully

Feedlot Runoff

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

None

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Water Quality

Prescribed Grazing Systems

Soil Erosion

Wildlife Habitat

Feedlot Pollution Problems

Invasive Plant Specie Management

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

Soil Erosion- The application will address an existing gully erosion problem. 15 pts.

Soil Erosion- The application will install practices that reduce soil loss to under T. 7 pts.

Water Quality- The application will install practices that will address water quality concerns. 10 pts.

Water Quality- The application will install practices that will address an existing pollution problem from a feedlot. 10 pts.

Water Quality- The application will install practices within 400 feet of surface water. 5 pts.

Grazing Systems- The application will install a prescribed grazing system. 6 pts.

Wildlife Habitat- The application will install practices that improve wildlife habitat. 3 pts.

Invasive Species- The application will install practices that control invasive plant species. 4 pts.

5. **Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.**
6. **Submit this worksheet electronically to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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